

## § 797.2

(1) Federal employees who are indebted to NCUA;

(2) Employees of NCUA who are indebted to other agencies or NCUA; and

(3) Former federal employees who are indebted to NCUA.

(b) This part does not apply:

(1) To debts or claims arising under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Title 26, U.S. Code), the Social Security Act (*42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.*), or the tariff laws of the United States;

(2) To a situation to which the Contract Disputes Act (*41 U.S.C. 601 et seq.*) applies;

(3) In any case where collection of a debt is explicitly provided for or prohibited by another statute;

(4) To debts owed to or payments made by NCUA in connection with NCUA's conservatorship, liquidation, supervision, enforcement, or insurance responsibilities pursuant to *12 U.S.C. 1786 and 1787*, nor does it limit or affect NCUA's authority with respect to debts and/or claims pursuant to *12 U.S.C. 1752(a) and 1766*.

(c) Nothing in this part precludes the compromise, suspension, or termination of collection actions, where appropriate, under standards implementing the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) (*31 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.*), the Federal Claims Collection Standards (FCCS) (31 CFR parts 900 through 904); or any other applicable law.

### § 797.2 Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this part is to implement federal statutes and regulatory standards authorizing NCUA to collect debts owed to the United States. This part is consistent with the following federal statutes and regulations:

(1) DCIA at *31 U.S.C. 3711* (collection and compromise of claims); section 3716 (administrative offset), and section 3717 (interest and penalty on claims).

(2) *5 U.S.C. 5514* (salary offset);

(3) *5 U.S.C. 5584* (waiver of claims for overpayment);

(4) 31 CFR parts 900 through 904 (FCCS);

(5) 5 CFR part 550, subpart K (salary offset);

(6) *31 U.S.C. 3720D*, 31 CFR 285.11 (administrative wage garnishment); and

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(7) 5 CFR 831.1801 through 1808 (U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offset).

(b) Collectively, these statutes and regulations prescribe the manner in which federal agencies should proceed to establish the existence and validity of debts owed to the federal government and describe the remedies available to agencies to offset valid debts.

### § 797.3 Definitions.

Except where the context clearly indicates otherwise or where the term is defined elsewhere in this subpart, the following definitions shall apply to this subpart.

(a) Administrative offset, as defined in *31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(1)*, means withholding money payable by the United States government to, or held by the government for, a person to satisfy a debt the person owes the government.

(b) Agency means a department, agency, or instrumentality in the Executive, Judicial, or Legislative branch of the government.

(c) Claim or debt means money or property owed by a person or entity to an agency of the federal government. A "claim" or "debt" includes amounts due the government, fees, services, overpayments, penalties, damages, interest, fines and forfeitures. For purposes of this part, a debt owed to NCUA constitutes a debt owed to the federal government.

(d) Claim certification means a creditor agency's written request to a paying agency to effect an administrative or salary offset.

(e) Creditor agency means an agency to which a claim or debt is owed.

(f) Debtor means the person or entity owing money to the federal government.

(g) Disposable pay means that part of current basic pay or other authorized pay remaining after the deduction of any amount required by law to be withheld. NCUA shall allow the deductions described in 5 CFR 581.105(b) through (f).

(h) Employee means a current employee of NCUA or another agency.

(i) FCCS means the Federal Claims Collection Standards published in 31 CFR part 900.